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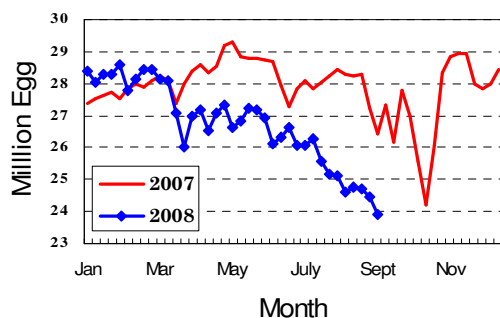
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 10 Percent from Last Year

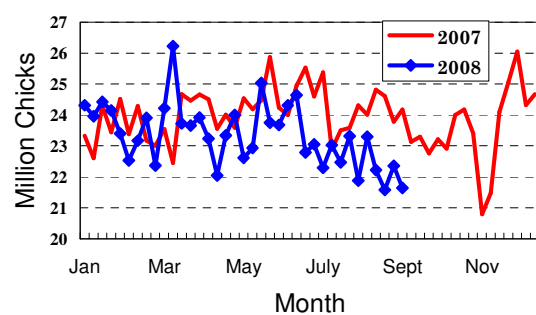
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.6 million during the week ending September 13, 2008. Placements were down 10 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 13, 2008, down 9 percent from the same period last year, and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, August 16, 2008 - September 13, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	6-Sep	13-Sep	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	6-Sep	13-Sep
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,922	29,752 *	29,951	29,746 *	29,036	21,432	20,609	20,496	21,188 *	21,212
Arkansas	24,608	24,742	24,697	24,479 *	23,930	23,301	22,221	21,575	22,352 *	21,644
Delaware	3,631	3,544	3,494	3,479	3,310	5,213	4,978	5,131	4,977	4,870
Florida	1,346	1,306	1,326	1,326	1,151	1,032	1,124	1,278	1,051	1,004
Georgia	32,822	32,794	32,860	32,032	30,895	27,560	27,700	27,317	26,821	27,100
Kentucky	7,744	7,711 *	7,378 *	7,452 *	7,651	6,533 *	6,240 *	6,708 *	6,811 *	6,509
Louisiana	3,470	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,269	3,659	3,521	3,243	3,425
Maryland	8,871	8,738	8,696	7,578	7,894	5,933	5,897	5,950	5,519	6,117
Mississippi	18,160	18,428	17,853	17,666	17,770	16,815	16,632	16,751	16,258	16,576
N. Carolina	18,967 *	18,968 *	19,011	18,546	17,695	15,741	15,620	15,883	15,655	15,817
Oklahoma	7,168	6,940 *	7,122	6,920	7,018	3,618	4,539	5,076	5,050	5,478
Pennsylvania	4,002	3,850	4,396 *	4,037	4,041	3,414	3,207	3,128 *	3,102	3,065
S. Carolina	5,645	5,735	5,844	5,208	5,709	4,676	4,333	4,624	5,130	4,548
Texas	15,466 *	15,475 *	14,913 *	15,271 *	15,224	12,497 *	12,322 *	12,560 *	12,925 *	13,007
Virginia	6,325	6,313	6,249	6,294	6,021	5,283	5,592	4,525	4,720	4,657
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,852 *	18,816 *	17,882 *	18,230 *	17,961	16,860 *	16,264 *	15,638 *	15,056 *	15,272
19 State Total	206,999 *	206,613 *	205,173 *	201,765 *	198,807	173,177 *	170,937 *	170,161 *	169,858 *	170,301
Prev. Year Total	216,594	215,662	215,502	208,821	205,863	178,515	177,243	176,942	175,893	175,527
% of Prev. Year	96	96	95	97	97	97	96	96	97	97

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 13, 2008. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 13, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 13, 2008 were 6.53 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.